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1. At about 0800 on Sunday, 11 June 1961, I received a telephone call from Mr. Dulles who said that he had just received a call from Congressman Clarence Cannon. Mr. Cannon had asked the Director whether it would be possible for us to present our Budget to his Subcommittee at 1400 hours on Sunday afternoon. I assured the Director that if this was Mr. Cannon's desire we certainly could do it. The Director said that Mr. Cannon was going to call him again in about ten minutes and that he would telephone me immediately thereafter. Some fifteen minutes later Mr. Dulles called to say that Mr. Cannon had confirmed his desire to have the Hearing at 1400 hours.

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2. We were able to round up everybody who would normally have attended such a meeting with the exception of Bob Amory. Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Dick Bissell, [REDACTED], Ed Saunders, [REDACTED] and I participated in the Hearing.

3. The Hearing went fairly well, and I have no doubt that the Committee will recommend that the full amount requested be appropriated.

a. At the Director's request I made our plea for a return to "no year" money and permission to carry forward unobligated balances from year to year in our Reserve. Mr. Taber was the only member of the Committee who objected to this, but I understand that he acquiesced in returning to the old procedures. Messrs. Ford and Mahon, after hearing the explanation behind our request, agreed wholeheartedly that this should be done.

b. Congressman Ford reminded me that several years ago when we had made our request for funds to finance the new building I had given the Committee some figures concerning savings which would estimate the cost of the building over a relatively few years time. He asked me how these figures looked today. I explained to him that the anticipated savings had shrunk considerably. I went on to explain, however, that the anticipated savings assumed that we would all be able to get into the new building. I reviewed the circumstances which made this impossible and said that the anticipated savings would be much smaller since we would have some eleven or twelve buildings in town which would require maintaining more guards, having more busses and car service, more telephone trunk lines, etc. I told him that I regretted that I could not give any precise information at this time as to what the actual savings would be. I also explained

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c. Mr. Ford also asked whether the Fiscal Year 1962 Budget reflected any savings because we would be in the new building. I explained that, on the contrary, the Fiscal Year 1962 Budget would actually be a little more expensive inasmuch as our move would cost money and we would have to maintain duplicate facilities, such as telephones, signal centers, etc., until the move is completed. These answers seemed to satisfy Mr. Ford, as well as other members of the Committee. However, I am sure that I can anticipate being asked these or similar questions next year and I must not fail to have these figures analyzed so that I can give Mr. Ford and the Committee the comparison between our estimated and actual savings.

4. The Hearing was over shortly after four o'clock.

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